



## Primitive Camping General Information

Whiskeytown has six primitive campgrounds with a total of twenty sites. They are considered “primitive” because they do not offer such amenities as running water or flush toilets.

All of these sites are located in the forest at least one mile from the lake.

Sites are issued on a first come, first served basis. Reservations may only be made for Horse Camp for groups with horses or for Peltier Bridge Campground ADA site # 5 for disabled visitors by calling the Fee Program office at (530) 242-3412.

Primitive camping permits are available ONLY at the Visitor Center.

Drinking water is available at the visitor center. There is a faucet on the outside of the building to the right of the men’s restroom. Water taken from the creek is not potable and must be purified before use.

Most sites are accessible by two-wheel drive vehicles. They are located on narrow dirt roads. You can drive onto each campsite, with the exception of Sites 1, 2, and 3 at Peltier Bridge and the four sites at Sheep Camp.

Many of the sites are closed during the winter.

Recreational vehicles and trailers over 15 feet in length are not allowed at the primitive campgrounds.

Unless otherwise noted below, each site contains a vault toilet, picnic table, bear-proof storage locker, a fire pit with a swing-arm BBQ grill, and a pole for hanging your lantern.

### Campgrounds

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| <b>Peltier Bridge</b> | <b>9 sites.</b> Located below the dam on Clear Creek; good opportunities for catch-and-release fishing. Sites # 1, 2, and 3 are a short walk from the parking lot, and your gear will have to be carried in. Site # 5 is ADA (handicapped) accessible. Site # 8 is a large “family” site and allows up to 10 people. |
| <b>Sheep Camp</b>     | <b>4 sites.</b> View of Brandy Creek from cliff-top location. May not be suitable for families with small children due to steep drop-offs. All four sites are a short walk from the parking area and your gear will have to be carried in. Site # 4 is a large “family” site and allows up to 10 people.             |
| <b>Crystal Creek</b>  | <b>2 sites.</b> Cool, shady location on the creek.   |
| <b>Brandy Creek</b>   | <b>2 sites.</b> Located high above the creek, but the creek can be accessed by hiking the lower portion of the Brandy Creek Trail. Steep road to Site # 2 may not be suitable for all vehicles and trailers not allowed.   |
| <b>Coggins Park</b>   | <b>1 site.</b> Vault toilet to be installed in spring/summer 2014. Remote, isolated location. 4-wheel-drive vehicle recommended.   |
| <b>Horse Camp</b>     | <b>2 sites.</b> Spigot with potable water which may be shut off in winter. It is the only location where horse camping is allowed, although other campers can use it as well. Located on a well-maintained dirt road, Horse Camp is accessible to vehicles pulling horse trailers.                                   |

## **Fees**

The basic primitive camping fee is \$10.00 per night year round. The fee for Horse Camp may depend upon the number of people staying at the site.

The following will be honored for a 50% discount: Golden Age and Access Passports and the Interagency Senior and Access Passes.

In addition to the campground fee, a \$10 Weekly, or \$25 Annual pass must be purchased for the use of the recreation area. Display the pass on the dashboard of your vehicle. You may display a Lassen Volcanic Annual Pass, Golden Age or Access Passport, an Interagency Senior, Access, Annual Pass or Military Annual Pass in lieu of a Whiskeytown permit.

## **Whiskeytown is Bear Country!**

All food, pet food, beverage containers, cosmetics, toiletries, cooking utensils, dishes, and other items with food odor must be stored inside your bear-proof storage locker or in your vehicle unless they are in immediate use. Never store these items in your tent.

If you store food in your vehicle, store it out of sight and odor-free. Bears can break into cars, so take care to store food properly.

Bears that get human food sometimes become aggressive and dangerous and must be killed. You can prevent this by proper food storage.

If you do not store your food properly, you may receive a citation from a law enforcement ranger.

Please help keep all wildlife healthy and wild by not feeding them or allowing them to get into your food or trash.

Please report all bear incidents at the Visitor Center.

## **Important Phone Numbers**

Call the visitor center at (530) 246-1225 for general park information.

**Dial 911 in case of an emergency.** A pay phone is located at the Visitor Center on Kennedy Memorial Drive and Highway 299.

For Whiskeytown Law Enforcement, call (530) 242-3431.